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Northwest Territories Population – January 2015

On January 1, 2015 Statistics Canada estimated that 43,595 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a decrease of 0.8% from the previous year. At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.0% between January 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015. With the exception of the Northwest Territories and some of the Atlantic provinces, all other provinces and territories experienced positive growth.

Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2015

	2015 Jan 1	% Change	2014 Jan 1	% Change	2013 Jan 1	% Change	2012 Jan 1	% Change
Canada	35,702,707	1.0	35,335,266	1.1	34,935,263	1.1	34,539,780	1.1
Northwest Territories	43,595	-0.8	43,933	0.3	43,802	0.7	43,501	0.6
Nunavut	36,702	2.1	35,945	2.5	35,062	2.0	34,369	1.9
Yukon	36,589	1.2	36,167	-0.2	36,234	1.8	35,608	2.3
British Columbia	4,659,272	1.2	4,604,720	1.0	4,560,446	0.8	4,522,027	0.9
Alberta	4,160,044	2.5	4,059,691	3.0	3,940,179	2.9	3,830,104	2.0
Saskatchewan	1,132,640	1.6	1,115,244	1.7	1,096,594	1.9	1,076,124	1.6
Manitoba	1,289,792	1.3	1,273,158	1.2	1,258,294	1.3	1,242,436	1.2
Ontario	13,733,544	0.9	13,615,388	1.0	13,474,503	1.0	13,340,753	1.1
Quebec	8,239,910	0.7	8,179,010	0.8	8,116,133	0.9	8,042,603	0.9
New Brunswick	754,260	-0.1	754,986	-0.2	756,150	-0.1	756,647	0.2
Nova Scotia	943,575	0.1	943,063	-0.1	944,437	0.0	944,852	0.1
Prince Edward Island	146,455	0.7	145,482	0.1	145,287	0.5	144,624	1.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	526,329	-0.4	528,479	0.1	528,142	0.4	526,132	0.5

Between January 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015, the population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 338 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 695 births and 201 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 494 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 2,184 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 3,078 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 894 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 62 persons.

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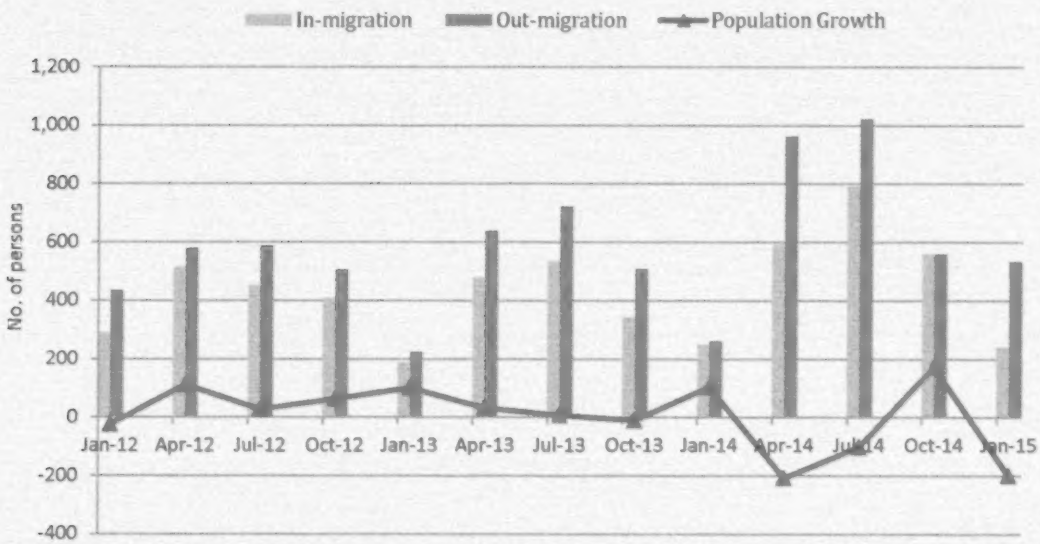
In terms of quarterly growth, the NWT population fell by 200 persons between October 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015. The population decrease was a result of a loss of 305 persons through migration offset by a gain of 105 persons through natural increase.

In the NWT, population growth is mainly driven by migration. The red line in Figure 1 shows that the quarterly NWT population growth before October, 2013, was relatively flat. Subsequently, population growth has fluctuated a little more, driven by large net out-migration. However, it is important to note that quarterly migration numbers are preliminary and are subject to future revisions.

Figure 1 Interprovincial Migration Patterns and Population Growth
January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2015



The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2008 are presented in Table 2.

For more information about these estimates or for community level population estimates and projections, please visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at http://www.statsnwt.ca or call (867) 873-7147.

Table 2 Components of Population Change, by Time Period
Northwest Territories - January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2015

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	---- Interprovincial Migration ---- In	Out	Net	Net International	Error of Closure
2014	Jan-Dec	43,933	43,595	695	201	2,184	3,078	-894	62	-
	Oct-Dec	43,795	43,595	157	52	242	534	-292	-13	-
	Jul-Sep	43,623	43,795	195	59	560	559	1	35	-
	Apr-Jun	43,725	43,623	160	46	791	1022	-231	15	-
	Jan-Mar	43,933	43,725	183	44	591	963	-372	25	-
2013	Jan-Dec	43,802	43,933	698	194	1,607	2,132	-525	152	-
	Oct-Dec	43,830	43,933	158	50	249	262	-13	8	-
	Jul-Sep	43,841	43,830	197	57	343	508	-165	14	-
	Apr-Jun	43,834	43,841	160	44	535	723	-188	79	-
	Jan-Mar	43,802	43,834	183	43	480	639	-159	51	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,501	43,802	694	189	1,563	1,897	-334	130	-
	Oct-Dec	43,702	43,802	157	49	186	225	-39	31	-
	Jul-Sep	43,639	43,702	196	55	409	505	-96	18	-
	Apr-Jun	43,612	43,639	159	43	452	588	-136	47	-
	Jan-Mar	43,501	43,612	182	42	516	579	-63	34	-
2011	Jan-Dec	43,258	43,501	690	188	2,183	2,430	-247	36	48
	Oct-Dec	43,526	43,501	156	48	290	434	-144	11	-
	Jul-Sep	43,501	43,526	195	54	561	714	-153	37	-
	Apr-Jun	43,263	43,501	157	44	783	617	166	-27	14
	Jan-Mar	43,258	43,263	182	42	549	665	-116	15	34
2010	Jan-Dec	42,962	43,258	700	184	1,890	2,060	-170	85	135
2009	Jan-Dec	43,109	42,962	711	186	1,661	2,214	-553	16	135
2008	Jan-Dec	43,351	43,109	721	201	1,897	2,623	-726	100	136

Note: *Net International* represents the net total of all Immigrants, Emigrants, Returning Canadians, Non-Permanent Residents and Individuals Temporarily Abroad.
Error of Closure represents the difference in population change as measured by the individual components of growth and that observed using 2011, 2006, 2001 and 1996 census-based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.